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application. Therefore, the applicant respectfully requests the office to forward the filing receipt to the applicants attorney.

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the amendments as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims:

Claim 74. (New) A closed loop system for delivering response information obtained from a playback device, comprising:

a mobile-content server comprising:

an interconnection to an information content source;

a user interface;

a database for storing, among other things, user information; and

a server application operating on the mobile-content server and enabling the mobile-

content server to:

receive user information via the user interface and store the user information

into the database;

obtain content information from the information content source;

create a playback list based, at least in part, on the content information;

deliver the playback list to the playback device;

receive response information from the playback device, the response

information being associated with at least one element in the playback list; and

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provide the response information to the information source.

Claim 75. (New) The closed loop system of claim 74, wherein the user information includes scheduling information and the server application retrieves information from the information content source and creates the playback list based, at least in part, on the scheduling information.

Claim 76. (New) The closed loop system of claim 74, wherein the playback device comprises:

an information source interface;

an audio output;

a memory storage unit for storing an embedded program and the playback list; and

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a processing unit coupled to the memory storage unit, the audio output and the information source interface, the processing unit, in response to instructions of the embedded program and the playback list, being operative to:

receive information content from the information source over the information source interface; and

store the information content in the memory storage for being played back at a later time through the audio output.

Claim 77. (New) The closed loop system of claim 76, wherein the playback device further comprises:

a response information input;

a mobile-content server interface; and

the processing unit being coupled to the response input and the mobile-content server interface, the processing unit, in response to instructions of the embedded program and the

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playback list, being further operative to:

receive response information via the response information input during the playback of the information content;

associating the response information with the currently active portion of the information content; and

provide the response information to the mobile-content server via the mobile-content server interface.

Claim 78. (New) The closed loop system of claim 77, wherein the mobile-content server interface is a wireless interface.

Claim 79. (New) The closed loop system of claim 77, wherein the mobile-content server interface is a pager network interface.

Claim 80. (New) The closed loop system of claim 77, wherein the mobile-content server interface is a cellular network interface.

Claim 81. (New) The closed loop system of claim 77, wherein the mobile-content server interface is a Bluetooth interface.

Claim 82. (New) The closed loop system of claim 77, wherein the mobile-content server interface is a wired interface.

Claim 83. (New) The closed loop system of claim 77, wherein the mobile-content server interface is a USB interface.

Claim 84. (New) The closed loop system of claim 77, wherein the mobile-content server interface is an RS-232 interface.

Claim 85. (New) The closed loop system of claim 74, wherein the playback device comprises:

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an information source interface;
an audio output;
a memory storage unit for storing an embedded program and the playback list; and
a processing unit coupled to the memory storage unit, the audio output and the information source interface, the processing unit, in response to instructions of the embedded program and the playback list, being operative to:

receive information content from the information source over the information source interface; and

deliver the information content to the audio output.

Claim 86. (New) The closed loop system of claim 74, wherein the playback list includes an information source identifier and a time stamp and the playback device comprises:

an information source interface;
a memory storage unit for storing an embedded program and the playback list; and
a processing unit coupled to the memory storage unit and the information source interface, the processing unit, in response to instructions of the embedded program and the playback list, being operative to:

access the information content identified by the information source identifier in the playback list at the time represented by the time stamp;

receive information content from the information source over the information source interface; and

store the information content in the memory device.

Claim 87. (New) The closed loop system of claim 76, wherein the playback device further comprises:

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a user interface including a playback key and response information input;
an audio output;
a mobile-content server interface; and
the processing unit being coupled to the playback key, the response input and the mobile-content server interface, the processing unit, in response to instructions of the embedded program and the playback list, being further operative to:

in response to detecting the actuation of the playback key, retrieve the stored information content from the memory device; and

provide the information content to the audio output;

in response to detecting an input on the response information input, associate the response information with the portion of the information content being provided to the audio output and store the response information in the memory device; and

provide the response information to the mobile-content server via the mobile-content server interface.

Claim 88. (New) The closed loop system of claim 87, wherein the information source is a broadcast radio network.

Claim 89. (New) The closed loop system of claim 87, wherein the information source is a broadcast television network.

Claim 90. (New) The closed loop system of claim 87, wherein the information source is a wireless radio network.

Claim 91. (New) An information gathering, delivery and playback device for providing information content being obtained from at least one information source, the playback device comprising: